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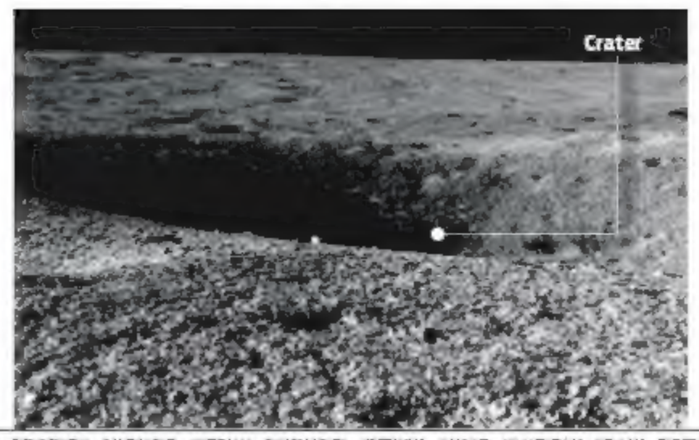

PRAGYAN AVOIDS WIDE CRATER ON MOON

Chandrayaan-3's rover Pragyan avoided a wide crater on its path in the lunar surface, and a new path has been assigned to it. Earlier the rover traversed a 10-cm-deep ditch, but it was able to come out. On Sunday, the rover was given a reroute just short of three metres of the wide crater. Had Pragyan failed to detect the fairly deep crater and entered, it would have been difficult for it to come out, compromising the Moon mission, ISRO said | **P5**

RELEASE 5K CUSECS TO TN, CAUVERY PANEL TELLS K'TAKA

State to consult legal team as CWMA meets today; SC to hear the matter on September 1

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THE Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) on Monday directed Karnataka to release 5,000 cusecs of Cauvery water per day to Tamil Nadu for the next 15 days.

The direction came after the CWRC heard contentions from both sides, which included TN's plea to direct Karnataka to release 24,000 cusecs of water for 10 days from August 29 as immediate relief to save the standing Kuruvai crops in its delta districts. However, Karnataka objected to even releasing 5,000 cusecs of water to TN as directed by CWRC, and a final decision on the release of water will be taken by the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) on Tuesday wherein TN has decided to reiterate its demand for 24,000 cusecs over the next 10 days from August 29.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, after the CWRC direction, clarified that before taking any decision he will discuss the matter with Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who holds the water resources portfolio, and consult the legal team and irrigation officials.

He said that in a normal year 86 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) of water should have been released to TN by August 31. But so far, 30 tmcft of water has been released. "The TN government has appealed for release of 24,000 cusecs of water before the committee and we have explained to them about the deficit in rain and the situation in Karnataka. Since there is no distress formula in this regard, we will consult our legal team and irrigation officials and take a final call," he said.

Official sources said Karnataka strongly objected to TN's request stating that the monsoon period was over and that the state (Karnataka) received deficit rain this year. They said Karnataka required water for irrigation and drinking purposes for the rest of the year. Hence, the quantum of water requested by TN cannot be released.

However, TN officials said they did not ask for anything in excess of the quantum specified by the SC and that it just wanted Karnataka to honour the court verdict. They referred to the storage levels in Karnataka reservoirs.

A three-judge SC bench is scheduled to hear TN's plea on September 1 after analysing technical reports. P4

Children get on Reliance board

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

HISTORY repeats at Reliance Industries after 45 years. In 1977, Dhirubhai Ambani named his son Mukesh to the board of the company. Following in his father's footsteps, Mukesh on Monday inducted his three children — Isha, Akash and Anant — to the board.

Addressing shareholders at the company's annual meet, Mukesh, chairman of Reliance Industries, said he will continue to lead the company for five more years. His wife Nita will step down from the board but continue in her role as the chairperson of Reliance Foundation, he added.

"I can proudly say that they have earned their stripes through dedication, commitment, and hard work," he said about his children. "Teaming up with the other directors, they will work as one single team to provide leadership to the Reliance Group as a whole and guide the growth of all our diverse businesses with a holistic vision," he added.

The Ambani children have been closely involved in the company operations and are managing key businesses over the last few years, including retail, digital services and energy and materials.

From Left: Akash, Isha and Anant Ambani

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> Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, RIL

Akash, the chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm the telecom arm of Reliance, was part of a team that brokered a $5.7 billion investment in 2020 by Facebook, now Meta, in Jio Platforms. Isha is leading the expansion of Reliance Retail into new categories and geographies, and is already a director on the board of the retail unit, Reliance Retail Ventures.

Anant is a director at Reliance's new energy business, retail unit as well as Jio platforms oil and chemical units. Their appointment will take effect after shareholder approval. "I shall groom and empower all the Next-Gen leaders at Reliance and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities of the future. I shall especially mentor Akash, Isha, and Anant so that they can provide collective leadership and dependably take Reliance to greater heights of growth and value in the decades ahead," he said.

Ambani first spoke of a succession plan in 2021 and had said his children will find prominent roles in the empire.

6 die as MUV rams KSRTC bus

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SIX persons were killed on the spot when a Toyota Qualis MUV (multi-utility vehicle) in which they were traveling collided with a KSRTC bus on NH 209 near Sathanur Kemmale Gate in Kanakapura taluk at 4.45 pm on Monday. The KSRTC bus driver and 18 passengers, who were injured in the accident, were admitted to a hospital. Of the injured, 14 are women. The driver of the MUV is said to have lost control over the vehicle and collided with the bus. The impact of the collision was such that the police had a tough time in retrieving the bodies. CONTINUED ON: P3

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School slap case: FIR against Mohd Zubair

UP: An FIR was lodged against Alt News co-founder Mohammad Zubair on Monday for allegedly disclosing the identity of a minor boy, who was slapped by his classmates at the behest of a teacher, by sharing a video of the incident.

Haryana buys peace, lets symbolic yatra at Nuh

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AMID Vishwa Hindu Parishad's belligerence, the Haryana government on Monday bought peace by facilitating a symbolic *shobha yatra* at Nuh that was wracked by communal riots on July 31 last.

The administration allowed about 60 people, including 15 seers and a few leaders of right-wing groups, to offer prayers and *jalabhishek* (pouring water on the Shivling) at a Shiv temple in the Nalhar area of Nuh.

Mahamandaleshwar Swami Dharm Dev and Swami Parmanand were among those allowed to visit the temple. After prayers at Nalhar, the group of 60, accompanied by some locals, went to the Jhir temple at Firozpur Jhirka.

Nuh district turned into a fortress following a call given by the Sarv Jatiya Hindu Mahapanchayat to take out the *shobha yatra* to mark the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan. A few right-wing leaders were placed under house arrest in Gurugram.

Also, several Hindu leaders and workers were put on notice not to participate in the yatra.

The police had set up five major checkpoints from the Delhi-Gurugram border till Nuh.